

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 800

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Leah Parton, 2008 Valedictorian of Seymour High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Leah Parton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Seymour High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Parton has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Leah Parton has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous other accolades; she won the Chemistry Award, gained third place in the Arrowmont Art Competition, and captured second place in the Roane State Art Competition; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Leah is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership, the Golden Shield Society, Y-Teens, Teen Board, the Art Club, and the Junior Classical League; she has also contributed her time and numerous talents to the Fantasy of Trees; and

WHEREAS, her resplendent beauty, both inside and out, garnered her recognition as one of the top fifteen of eighty-two competitors in the Miss Teen Tennessee Pageant, where she also earned the Best Resume' Award; and

WHEREAS, Miss Parton's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Terry and Michelle Parton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Leah's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Seymour High School Valedictorian, Leah Parton, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.